



## WELCOMING AND ACCEPTING ALL PEOPLE ALONG A JOURNEY OF FAITH AND SERVICE.

“Welcoming and accepting all people” – is a reminder of our Welcome Statement and genuine hospitality, in the present tense so it is always relevant. “*along*” – is an invitation to join together side by side, “*journey of faith*” – implies that arrival is a myth; we are always growing, “*service*” – is a natural outcome of faith and inseparable from our commitment to discipleship.



### **2025 Stewardship - Dreaming God's Dream**

*“Dream God’s dream, Holy Spirit, help us dream*

*Of a world where there is justice and where everyone is free*

*To build and grow and love and to simply have enough*

*The world will change when we dream God’s dream.”*



The Rev. Bryan Sirchio originally wrote “Dream God’s Dream” for a youth retreat in 1991. The life and work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King inspired the lyrics. Bryan observes, “I wanted to remind the youth that Martin’s ‘dream’ was actually God’s dream. And that’s where this song really came from. The challenge of course is for us all to do what’s ours to do to make sure that the ‘Dream’ doesn’t just remain a dream. It needs to become reality, and the way that happens is in and through the lives of those who have been touched and energized and committed to the Spirit who gave birth to the Dream in the first place.”

Artist Adrian Sanchez, currently incarcerated in a California Institution for Men, created the “Process of Life” (cover image) as part of an arts program funded by a local congregation. He reflects, “I believe that our young ones begin life with innocent hearts. I have learned that there are better ways to do things without violence. We artists were asked to imagine what a city of compassion would look like and how the people there could cooperate so that everyone would have enough food. The Process of Life shows that there is pride and hope in carrying out positive ways of thinking about things like this.”

Sanchez’ art reminds us of the power of dreams – that the chick can become the rooster, that the whisper of the Spirit can become a movement for transformation, that no gift is too small to help make God’s Dream a reality.

This year our stewardship campaign will be highlighted in worship by testimonials on *Sunday, October 19* and culminate on *Sunday, October 26*. Estimate of Giving Cards will be mailed to households with the request to return them on or before October 26.

Please prayerfully consider, “How can I cooperate with others to help make God’s Dream

(and my dream too) a reality?”



Sincerely, Michael Fitterling, Stewardship Chair

### **Worship in October**

October 5 – World Communion Sunday; Reconciliation Offering #2; Isaiah 32:14-18

October 12 – Mental Health Sunday - Psalm 37:1-9 “Practicing Peace”

October 19 – “Telling Our Story” - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

October 26 – Stewardship Sunday “A Dream Powering God’s Generosity” - Acts 10:9-16

### **Bonfire/Sing-along October 4**

The Worship Ministry Team is sponsoring a bonfire and sing-along on Saturday, October 4 at 7PM behind the church. Fixings for s’mores will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chair and beverage. If you play an instrument such as a guitar, drum, harmonica, etc. bring it and join the fun. Rain date is October 18. All ages welcome.



### **PLC Car & Truck Show October 11**

Peace Lutheran Church’s annual Car and Truck Show benefiting Crosslines Ministries is Saturday, October 11 from 9AM to 2PM. In addition to the autos to ogle, grilled lunch items, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle will also be featured.



**Board Reports are DUE MONDAY Oct 13, Please submit to Shelly by 2pm that day. Thank you!**

## EVENTS/OTHER

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will meet Oct 1st at 9:30am. In the fellowship hall. Anita Freize will be hosting . The special offering for October is the MSSU Lion Co-op/food pantry.



### ***FELLOWSHIP POTLUCK SUNDAY OCTOBER 19***

*Please bring a dish, suggested according to the first initial of your last name: Main Dish S-Z, Side and Salad A-L, Dessert M-R, enjoy a meal and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you there!*

### **Life Together Task force**

The next meeting of the Life Together Task Force will be 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6. Please note: The Quilters Guild that has been renting space at the church has had to seek out larger space, so will no longer be meeting in the church fellowship hall on the third Tuesdays.



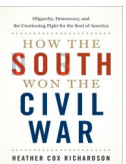
### **Courageous Conversations October 21**

You Belong in Joplin will sponsor the next Courageous Conversations on October 21 at the Royale Cinema from 5:30PM to 7:30PM. Speakers are Michael Gregory and DesiRae Laidler. The event is free but refreshments are available for purchase at the cinema concession.

### **Crosslines**

Sojourners and PLC donated 60 lb.s of mac and cheese in September! Thank you! Suggested item for donation in October is canned pasta. October 23 will be our day to staff volunteers from 9:45AM-2PM.

**Book Club** will meet on Thursday, October 23 at 6:30pm to discuss *How the South Won the Civil War* by Heather Cox Richardson. The discussion takes place at the home of Ellen Broglio, 811 N. Byers Avenue.



**Apple Pies** are ready for purchase for \$20 each. Contact Sandy Meadows: 417-850-2348. A limited number of sugar-free pies are available.



**Interfaith Cooking Circle** will meet on October 26 at 2:15 PM at the Islamic Society for demonstrations on poke bowls and one other dish. The address is 1805 W. 32<sup>nd</sup> St.

**Adult Faith Formation 9:30AM Sundays** in October we are viewing and discussing Dr. Lisa Davison's presentation on "Just Worship – Just World: Expanding Our Language for the Holy" from the General Assembly. Dr. Davison is Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean and Professor of Hebrew Bible at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. Join us in the conference room behind the sanctuary (enter through the nursery) for this fascinating study!

**GREEN TIP-** Reuse hard-to-avoid plastics – like those that bread and tortillas are sold in – to separate and carry produce rather than using the store's plastic produce bags.



**Joplin Photo ID Project** assisted 12 people in September of 2025. One day no clients came in, which is unusual, and one day the Salvation Army HQ was closed due to staffing issues. Obtaining birth certificates continues to be a challenge as many clients arrive with no documentation of their identity. Primarily a result of being homeless and consequently vulnerable to theft and loss of their existing documents. The Joplin group has been invited by Missouri ID Access Coalition to a panel at the yearly summit in St Louis. It will be attended by Paul Teverow as a Subgrantee representative as most of the Joplin Photo ID funding comes from grants from the Ashrei Foundation.



### **World Mental Health Day October 10**

"There is no health without mental health." On this World Mental Health Day, let us intensify our efforts to create a world where mental health is valued, protected, and accessible for all, especially in the face of adversity." – [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

We will observe Mental Health Sunday on October 12 by engaging in spiritual practices during worship that help to calm our spirits and plant seeds of peace.

In Joplin, the Interfaith Coalition will be hosting a panel discussion on mental health and spiritual practices on Saturday, October 18 at 10AM at the United Hebrew Congregation (702 S. Sergeant Ave.). Dr. Robin Blair will provide an introduction to mental health interventions, followed by presenters from various faith traditions.

Prayer Requests

Medical: Darlene Coit, Shari Cullumber, Micah Evans, Tom Hamm, Jeff McCreory (Cogbill) Pat Tikkanen (PLC)  
Sympathy: Renee Pope White; Rev. Clem Graham

Ongoing:  
Kittie Blankenship; Bill Burns (Randall); Rachel Eckhardt; Joan Fitterling; Margie Fitterling; Kyle Ford (Wolfenbarger); Carolyn and Tom Fortson; Nancy Graham; Chris Greninger; Jones’ neighbor’s baby; James Knudtson; Sara Metts (Randall); Arlene Nash; Chastity Perry (White); Willa Randall; Jayne Sanders; Lou Starks; Sue Sterrett; Connie Sullivan; Roger Traver; Michael Wallace (Randall); Pat Wolfenbarger



Global Ministries Focus:  
10/5 Costa Rica  
10/12 Japan  
10/19 Democratic Republic of the Congo  
10/26 Palestine

RESPONSIBILITIES

Elders

Oct 5	Margie Fitterling
Oct 12	Jim Cullumber
Oct 19	Patt Hinds
Oct 26	Mike Fitterling

Diaconate

Oct 5	Communion Prep-Connie Abraham and Judy Akeman Homebound-Tom Hamm
Oct 12	Communion Prep-Robb Jones and Jessica Fletcher- Fierro Homebound-Tom Wheeler
Oct 19	Communion Prep-Joyce Crumbliss and Sherry Crumbliss Homebound-Don Smith
Oct 26	Communion Prep-Terry Plossi and Les Davenport Homebound-Susan Wolfenbarger

Camera & Sound

Oct. 5	Jennifer Reaves & Ken Moser
Oct. 12	Judy Schneider & Don Smith
Oct. 19	Sandy Meadows & Ray Reaves
Oct. 26	Terry Plossl & Darryl Coit

Kid’s Church Preschool thru 6th Grades

Oct 5	Daniell Sanders & Mike Fitterling
Oct 12	Karen McKenzie & Karen Kemp
Oct 19	Children in Family Worship
Oct 26	Jessica Fletcher-Fierro & James Knudtson

Children Worship & Wonder

Oct 5	Karen Kemp & Judy Schneider
Oct 12	Karen Fitterling & Taylor Reaves
Oct 19	Children in Family Worship
Oct 26	Laney Reaves & TBD



Birthdays

3 Donna Fuller  
8 Becky Godsey  
12 Jessica Fletcher-Fierro  
13 Mike Schneider  
14 Joyce Crumbliss  
18 Keaton Simmons  
22 Jim Cullumber  
25 Megan Bever  
28 Kittie Blankenship

Anniversaries


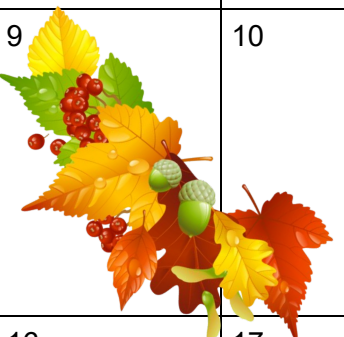

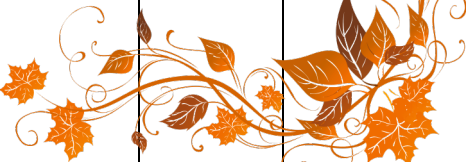
22 Spenser & Dawn Cullumber  
31 Paula George & Kim Wood





# OCTOBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 8:00am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church no CW&W Reconciliation Sunday <u>Good Neighbor Week 9/28-10/4</u>	29	30  (5:30 pm WW)	1 9:30am CWF  6pm Choir	2 	3	4 7:00pm Bonfire and Sing-a-long!
5 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kids Church, CW&W 2nd Reconciliation Offering World Communion Sunday	6 6:00PM Life Together Task Force Mtg	7 6:00pm Worship team meeting (Theil Home) (5:30pm WW)	8 6pm Choir	9 	10	11 PLC Car Show 9:00am to 2:00pm
12 8:00 am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's church CW&W Mental Health Sunday	13 <u><b>Board Reports DUE</b></u>	14  (5:30 pm WW)	15 6pm Choir  Pastor Out of Office	16  Pastor Out of office	17  Pastor Out of office	18) 10AM Interfaith Panel Discussion (United Hebrew Congr.)
19 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:15am Kids Bells 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Children in Worship 12pm Fellowship Potluck	20	21) 5:30PM Courageous Conversation (Royale Cinema) (5:30 pm WW)	22 6pm Choir	23) Crosslines Ministries Workday 9:45am to 2:00pm  6:30PM Book Club (Broglio home)	24	25 
26 8:00 am Elders 9:30am Adult Faith Formation 10:20am Fellowship 10:45am Worship/Kid's Church CW&W Stewardship Commitment Sunday 2:15pm Interfaith Cooking Circle (ISJ)	27	28  (5:30pm WW)	29 6pm Choir	30 	31	1 Nov



**PLEASE NOTE**  
**Office Hours For**  
**Sojourners' Christian Church**  
**3100 N. St. Louis Ave.**

**All activities at Sojourners Christian Church unless specified otherwise.**

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